

EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS (EROD)

SUBJECT: Early Return of Dependents/Family Members (EROD) for Official Situations

1. PURPOSE: To provide information regarding the procedures on processing requests for EROD due to official reasons.

2. REFERENCES:

- a. Para 5-8, AR 55-46, Travel Overseas
- b. USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 55-46, Travel Overseas
- c. Para U5900, Part J, Chapter 5, Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR), Volume 1 - Uniformed Service Members
- d. USAREUR Regulation 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians

3. CRITERIA:

a. Command sponsored family members who reside overseas may be returned early to CONUS at Government expense under the provisions of the JFTR, para U5900. This action is command directed and is taken as a result when family member becomes involved in an incident which:

(1) Is embarrassing to the United States Government.

(2) Is prejudicial to order, morale and discipline in the command.

(3) Gives rise to conditions where the safety to family member no longer can be ensured because of adverse public feeling in the area.

b. Family members who are directed by the ASG commander to leave the command and refuse to depart may have their logistical support withdrawn.

4. APPLICATION: Under normal circumstances, this is a command directed action. Sponsors can also request for early return of their family members when any of the situations outlined in para 3 exists.

5. APPROVAL AUTHORITY: The ASG Commander is the approving authority for early return of family members. This authority cannot be further delegated.

6. DISCUSSION:

a. When early return is directed/authorized, family member(s) may move at Government expense to a designated location in CONUS, or if the family member is a foreign national, to a place in the country of the family member's origin.

b. Family members described in para 3a(1)~(2) above may not be further moved at Government expense until the soldier is ordered to PCS from current Permanent Duty Station (PDS) (to include Intra-Theater Transfer/Consecutive Overseas Tour (ITT/COT)) or serves an In-Place Consecutive Overseas Tour (IPCOT).

c. Family members described in para 3a(3) above may be authorized return travel to soldier's current OCONUS PDS. The ASG commander is the approving authority.

d. Soldiers who return family members to overseas location at personal expense after those family members were early returned to CONUS must request command sponsorship. Command sponsorship requests and recommendation from the soldier's chain of command will be forwarded to the ASG commander for consideration. The ASG commander may approve or disapprove the request, or require the soldier to submit the request after a determined period of time. If approved, soldiers will be required to serve 24 months after command sponsorship is approved; this requirement will not be waived.

e. If those family members previously ordered/authorized early return travel back to soldier's current PDS at their personal expense and are again command sponsored, the soldier is entitled to dependent's travel and transportation allowances from the PDS on a subsequent PCS (to include ITT/COT).